

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are currently pending in this application. In this Office action response, claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled and no new claims have been added. Claims 4-7 have not been amended.

Claims 1-7 are pending in the subject application. Claim 1 is rejected, and claims 2-7 are objected to.

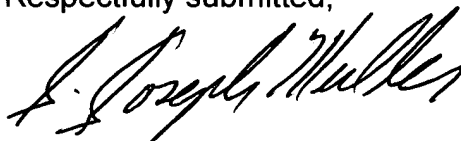
Claim 1, as amended, now represents claim 2 rewritten in independent form. The Examiner has indicated this claim, so rewritten would be allowable.

Claim 2 is canceled by this amendment, and claims 3-7 appropriately amended to properly depend from claim 1.

Based upon the foregoing, allowance of claims 1, and 3-7 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

July 30, 2004



J. Joseph Muller
Polster, Lieder, Woodruff & Lucchesi, L.C.
Registration No.: 28,450
12412 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 200
Saint Louis, MO 63131-3615
314-238-2400
314-238-2401 (fax)
jmuller@patpro.com